



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC) MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower  
Third Floor Conference Room  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Pending Approval**

#### **Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present**

Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Diane Joens, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, C. T. Wright, Brittany Carter, Tammy Frazee, Randy Maskell, and Don Ritchie

#### **Council Members Absent**

Deborah Lavinsky (Committee Chair), Andrew Compton, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Allison Perrin,

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Carolyn Sigler, and Derek Serrano

#### **Guests Present**

Representative Jay Lawrence, Colleen Russo

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of May 8, 2015, Draft LPCC Minutes**

Acting Committee Chairman C. T. Wright called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Acting Committee Chairman C. T. Wright introduced Representative Jay Lawrence, LD 23 who provided a brief overview of his background and current legislative efforts at the Acting Committee Chairman's invitation. Draft minutes from the May 8, 2015, meeting were reviewed. *Doyle Meredith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Deborah Hankerd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Council's 2015 Draft Advocacy Issues – Legislative Priorities; Additional Input Received Ahead of Senior Action Days**

The Acting Committee Chairman invited all attendees to review and discuss the Governor's Council on Aging (GACA) 2015 Draft Advocacy Issues. Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported staff at the Banner Alzheimer's Institute will be advocating to revisit the Silver Alert

legislation that passed in 2014 to include persons under age 66 with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders to the emergency alert system. The group noted the approved FY 2016 budget supported increased Adult Protective Services staffing needs and legislation was passed and signed by the Governor that created online access to the APS registry of substantiated reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults. In addition the Az Links website has been launched that promotes a coordinated system of information and access for persons seeking long term services and supports. Additional ideas discussed included expansion of protections for older Arizonans related to abuse, neglect and exploitation. The Acting Committee Chairman invited those wishing to share input to follow up with the Executive Director. A copy of the Governor's Council on Aging (GACA) 2015 Draft Advocacy Issues is available through the Council on Aging office.

### **Senior Action Day 2015 Planning Discussion**

C.T. Wright, Acting Committee Chairman provided an overview of the intent of the Senior Action Day events and efforts to date to request support from the legislative leadership for the 2015 events. A draft list of events was reviewed, and Dr. Wright invited Council members organizing events to share updates and indicate what assistance is needed; a lengthy discussion followed. Staff was asked to update the list of events and share that with the committee once information has been finalized. Tentative plans at this time include:

September 18, 2015 from 9 – 11 am, Tucson Medical Center Senior Services in Tucson

September 25, 2015 from 3 – 5 pm, Apache Junction Multigenerational Center

September 29, 2015 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Verde Valley Senior Center, Cottonwood

October 5, 2015, CASA Community Center, Prescott Valley (two-hour timeslot to be finalized)

October 6, 2015 from 9 am to 11 am, Kathryn Heidenreich Adult Center, Kingman

October 6, 2015 from 10 am to 12:00 pm, Sunsites Senior & Community Center, Sunsites

Ms. De Lisa reported plans are also pending on a South Mountain event possibly at the South Mountain Community Center in Phoenix.

Governor's Office on Aging intern, Derek Serrano was invited to share information he had prepared in support of Senior Action Days for the meeting. Mr. Serrano shared tracked legislation affecting older Arizonans during the last two sessions and legislative sponsors and cosponsors as well as ideas for outreach using social media. *A motion was made by Tonya Watson to recommend to the Council to pursue efforts to use social media; Charles Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Executive Director De Lisa reported the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter would be providing advocacy training at the September LPCC meeting ahead of the Senior Action Day events.

A copy of the materials provided by Mr. Serrano and the draft events list are available through the Council on Aging office.

### **Review & Discussion of LPCC Measurable Outcomes, Questions & Discussion**

GACA Vice Chair Tonya Watson provided an overview of efforts underway to ensure measurable outcomes from the work of the committees and subcommittees in support of the six focus areas. According to the Vice Chair, the following objectives were captured during the meeting discussions and represented measurable outcomes for LPCC.

- Banner Alzheimer's Institute staff will be asked to share an update at the September LPCC meeting on efforts underway to update the Silver Alert age criteria;

- LPCC will provide information or suggestions to Representative Lawrence for future legislation prior to the next legislative session;
- Senior Action Day event recommendations will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review and approval;
- Information on legislators and legislation sponsored during the last two sessions will be used by staff and GACA members for talking points; and
- Staff and GACA members will use social media in outreach for Senior Action Days.

**Report Out & Discussion on LPCC-related research, conferences, workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, etc.**

The following were reported:

- Brittany Carter reported the Arizona Health Care Association 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held on August 18 - 20, 2015 at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale.
- Don Ritchie, volunteer for AARP reported they're interested in the Council's Senior Action Day events and ways they can be supportive.
- Diane Joens reported on her attendance at Spotlight on Senior Services in June and reminded attendees of the Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG annual conference on October 15 in Flagstaff.
- Randy Maskell reported training for caregivers in Pinal County is being planned for mid-October that includes enhanced curriculum for Alzheimer's care.
- Doyle Meredith reported Council and committee members are spending more time at the Council of Governments meetings.
- Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported Gardens at Ocotillo Senior Living was holding an Art Walk on July 12 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
- Cathy De Lisa reported Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust has posted the final reports from the White House Conference on Aging Phoenix Regional Forum and the listening sessions held around the state on their website. <http://www.pipertrust.org/aging2015>

**Adjourn**

Acting Committee Chair C. T. Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for September 11, 2015; time and location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website:**

**[www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/). These meetings are open to the public.**